

The role of NRNs in supporting CLLD

Introduction

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Five messages

- 1. Build on network strengths
- 2. Share the tools we already have
- 3. Seize all the opportunities in the new regulations.
- 4. Identify common critical points for joint action
- 5. Identify common rural challenges for cooperation





1. Build on network strengths

NRN Action Plans 2014-20 (A54 3bi)

- Training and networking for local action groups
- Technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation
- Facilitation of cooperation among local action groups and search of partners.

Networks in place from the start of programmes.

Many NRNs evolved from Leader Networks. Long experience





2. Share existing tools

National and regional delivery systems

- Platforms and events for exchange between institutional stakeholders
- Exchanges between ministries

Capacity building and support for local actors

- Support and guidance to LAGs
- Specific support for transnational and interregional cooperation





3. Seize all the new opportunities in the regulations

CPR responds to a series of issues (identified by CoA)

LAG level

- Improve quality of strategies. Focus. Learning.
- Greater role for civil society and private sector
- Strengthen and clarify tasks of groups
- More animation and capacity building
- Reinforce cooperation

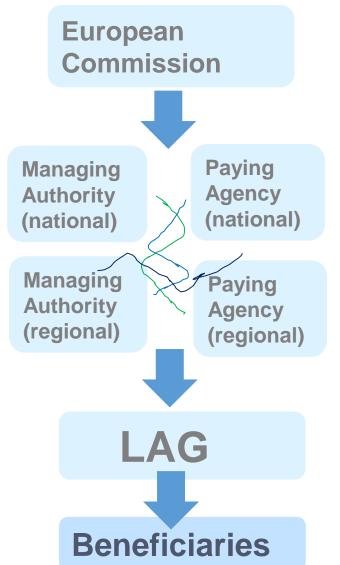
Delivery system

- <u>Policy</u> integration. Cooperation between funds pillars, -- measures. Leader as a hub for coordination not a ghetto
- Simplification





4. Identify common critical issues for joint action (how)



National level

Regional level

Local level





5. Identify the emerging challenges for CLLD (what)

Business as usual? Or the end of a cycle?

- Economic divergence External shocks unemployment service cuts
- Population loss, ageing, exclusion of those left behind versus waves of migration......
- Increasingly obvious environmental threats......
- Leader as a hub for broader coordination breaking out of rural silos Leader other measures, pillars, programmes, urban/rural, farming/territorial, top down-bottom up
- Starting local and staying local or building global. COOPERATION.

